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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 5561

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG EG US IS

SUBJ: BIDS ON SINAI ACREAGE

REF: CAIRO 0834

1. OBRAHIM RADWAN, DIRECTOR EGPC AGREEMENTS DEPARTMENT, TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 21 THAT HE HAS NOW OBTAINED AGREEMENT FROM MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR RELEASE OF INVITATIONS TO BID ON EXPLORATION AGREEMENTS FOR ACEARGE IN THE SINAI. RADWAN GAVE EMBOFF ADVANCE COPY OF BID INVITATION WHICH INCLUDES OUTLINE MAP SHOWING ACERAGE AVAILABLE. MAP BEING POUCHED.

2. AREA AVAILABLE CONSISTS OF FIVE BLOCKS. THREE ONSHORE BLOCKS APPARENTLY HAVE WESTERN BORDER RUNNING ALONG LONGITUDE APPROX. 32DEGREES 25 MINUTES EAST, WHICH COOICIDES ROUGHLY WITH SUEZ CANAL. SOUTHERN BORDER IS JUST NORTH OF NORTHERN END OF GREAT BITTER LAKE. SOUTHERNMOST BLOCK OF THREE INCLUDES AREA BOTH TO WEST AND EAST OF CANAL. TWO OFFSHORE BLOCKS HAVE WESTERN BORDERS ALONG SAME LONGITUDE; NORTHERN BOUNDRY IS LATITUDE 32 DEGREES NORTH. ACCORDING RADWAN ALL ACERAGE IS WEST OF BUFFER ZONE.

3. EGPC OFFICIAL STATED THAT INVITATION NOW ON  
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CHAIRMAN LEITHY'S DESK FOR SIGNATURE AND SHOULD

BE ISSUED SHORTLY. BIDS REQUESTED BY END OF  
JUNE, 1976.

4. RADWAN, WHO HAS BEEN LEADING CAMPAIGNER TO PUT  
SINAI ACERAGE UP FOR BID, SAID THAT LATEST  
INVITATION REPRESENTS COMPROMISE BETWEEN EGPC AND  
MINISTER HILAL. AS WE HAVE REPORTED, HILAL HAS  
CONTINUALLY SHIED AWAY FROM GRANTING EXPLORATION  
RIGHTS TO AREAS IN BUFFER ZONE OR AREAS STILL  
OCCUPIED BY ISRAELIS, DESPITE APPARENT  
ACCEPTIBILITY TO INTERESTED COMPANIES OF PROPOSED  
DELAYED ACCESS LANGUAGE IN AGREEMENTS.  
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